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Examiner: Ogden

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RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 1993,
reconsideration is requested.

It is noted that the Examiner has rejected the applicant's
claims under Section 103 as unpatentable over WO '849 in view of
EP '979. This rejection is not warranted. Hence,
reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

Initially, it is noted that EP '979 is not a proper
reference against the applicant's claims. EP '979 was published
on May 20, 1992. The applicant filed his initial GB application
on October 11, 1991. The Examiner's reference combination is
not, therefore, a valid one for rejection purposes.

Furthermore, it is noted that there is no suggestion or
motivation in either reference to make the modifications
necessary to reach the applicant's invention. Clearly,

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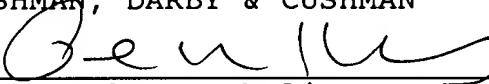
therefore, even if EP '979 were properly citable, the applicant's invention is not obvious.

The applicant notes that the Examiner has made the rejection final. It is submitted that this is inappropriate when the rejection is based on newly cited references. In any event, the rejection should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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